

## Spectrum Academy Board of Directors Minutes of February 22, 2012 Special Meeting

Date & Time

February 22, 2012: 6:00 P.M. - 8:08 P.M.

Location

Spectrum Academy High School, North Salt Lake

**Members Present** 

Brandon Savage, Marcy Johnson, Kyle Anderson, Rozanne Marsh and Dennis M.

Bullard

**Spectrum Staff Present** 

Brad Nelson, Jaime Christensen, Rebecca Peterson and Krisanne Lewis

Members Excused

Marney DeVroom

**Guests Present** 

Approximately 35 teachers, staff and interested persons

## **BUSINESS ITEMS DISCUSSED**

- Dennis Bullard reviewed the agenda for the meeting and discussed the role of the Board of Directors and the steps to be taken by an interested party to be placed on the agenda for a future board meeting.
- Jamie Christensen provided an update as to the formation and early progress of the Academic Committee. An invitation was extended to other interested persons to come and participate in the committee.
- Jamie Christensen addressed concerns regarding high school graduation requirements and the programs provided by Spectrum Academy for the high school students, including academic credit recovery. She discussed the monitoring of IEPs and the monitoring and compliance checks being conducted to ensure the IEP requirements are being met. Confirmed that a parent may request an IEP meeting at any time if there are concerns surrounding their student. She briefed the board on her on-going coordination with Salt lake Community College and other local vocational instruction providers.
- Krisanne Lewis briefed the board on services available through Utah state agencies.
- Rebecca Peterson provided an update as to initiatives underway in the elementary school, i.e. reverse engineering social skills for older students as they transition forward. She discussed the elementary school newsletter and the input being received by students as it is prepared. She discussed on-going teacher professional development training and testing. Her goal is for each teacher to become dual qualified as a special education teacher.
- Brad Nelson provided an update as to the upcoming lottery, which will be conducted on February 27, 2012 in the secondary school gym at 5:00 p.m. Any interested person is welcome to be present.
- Brad Nelson briefed the board as to three proposed courses of action in regards to expanding Spectrum Academy next school year. The proposals were displayed for the board and audience to review and numerous questions were addressed. A summary of the courses of action was provided to each attendee with an email to all families to follow outlining the proposals. A copy of the outline is attached.

• An unofficial straw poll was conducted of the audience to see the attendees' opinions as to the three options presented. The results were as follows: Option 1 (expand each class for each grade throughout the school, adding approximately 150 students, move grades 4-6 over to the upstairs of the secondary school building): 6 votes, all from elementary school parents. Option 2 (expand only the high school, adding approximately 60 students): 1 vote from a middle school parent; and Option 3 (expand only the middle school and high school classes with no growth in the elementary school [hence no need to move grades 4-6 as discussed in Option 2]): 23 votes, four from elementary school parents and the remainder from secondary school parents. The results of the vote were discussed, and all present were reminded that the vote was simply a straw poll, with the final decision resting with the board.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

Brandon Savage facilitated public comments which were provided in a free-flowing format to the board by the public as the various issues and topics described above were discussed.

•Motion to close board meeting was moved by Marcy Johnson, seconded by Rozanne Marsh, and unanimously approved by the board.

Meeting adjourned: February 22, 2012 @ 8:08 PM

Next meeting: March 14, 2012 @ 7:00 PM

Approved by the Board:

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Date

Dennis M. Bullard, Secretary